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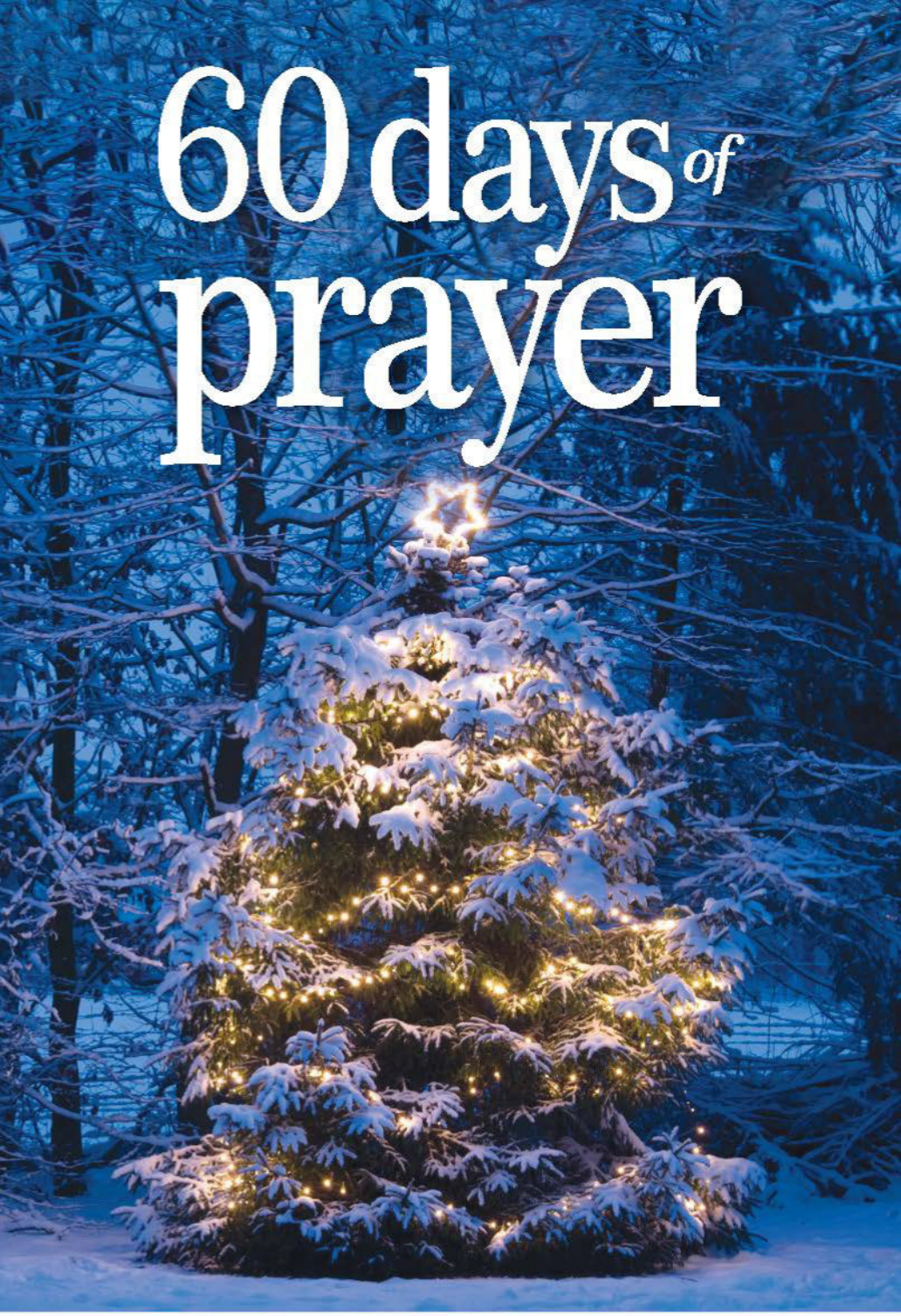

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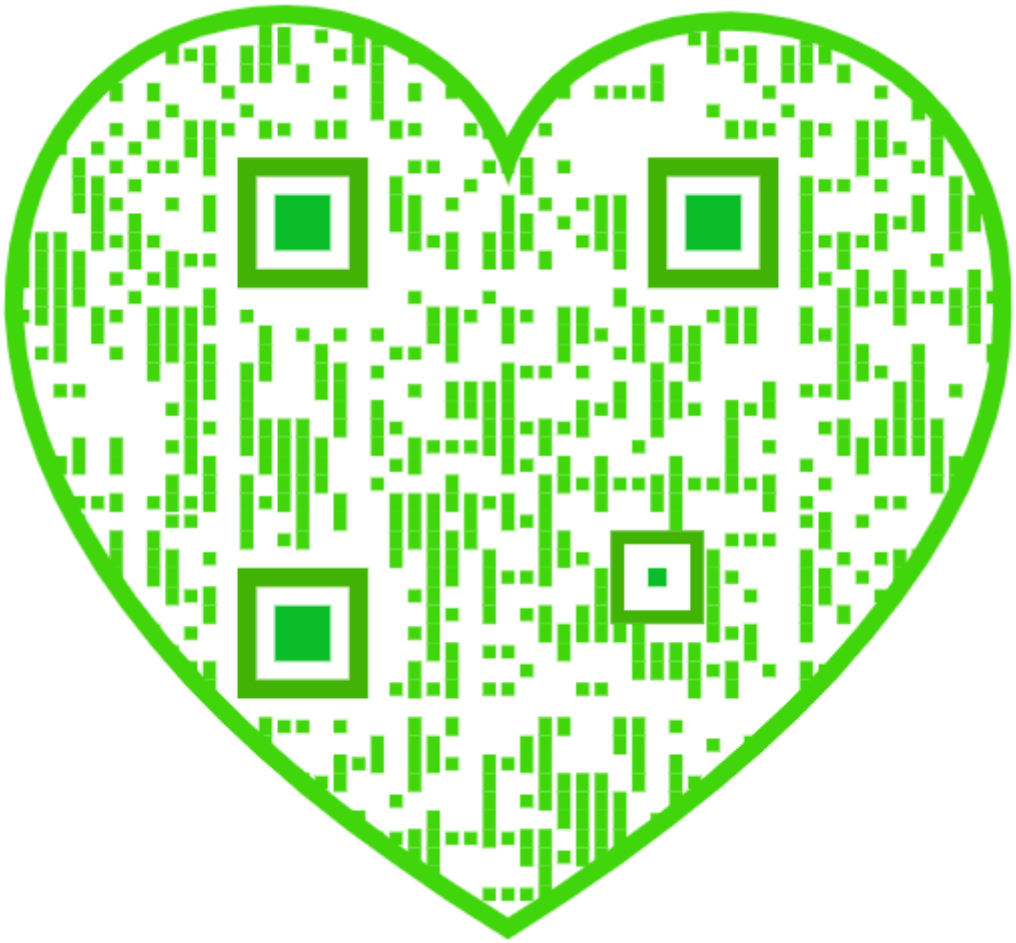

A Note from the Editor

"I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs, and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy and happiness and peace to this world."

—DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

We sat in the auditorium. Elementary school children filled the stage with instruments under their arms. They scanned the audience, smiling nervously. The music started. A little girl in the back row holding a trumpet swayed back and forth, and a flute player fidgeted, but it was the boy in the front row who captured our attention.

Adorably, he balanced himself on the edge of a tall stool. His oversize glasses hung low on his nose. He wiggled toward the huge instrument: a bass clarinet that was as big as he was. As the students played "Away in a Manger," my eyes darted between the beaming little girl with the trumpet who waved her free hand as if she were at a rock concert and the boy in the front with the enormous clarinet. The music teacher cued a solo, and the band went silent except for the boy on the stool. He leaned toward his instrument with eyes wide, cheeks full, and face red. He leaned and blew and blew and blew his heart out.

The notes weren't important. I have no memory of what the instrument sounded like. It was the intention, his effort, his giving it his all that came like a beam of light right out of him and into us. He finished and took a bow. I got to my feet to join the crowd, bursting with applause. *This is it*, I thought. *This is Christmas.*

I hope the Bible verses, reflections, and prayers in this issue help you embrace the magical moments of the season.

Merry Christmas!
Sabra

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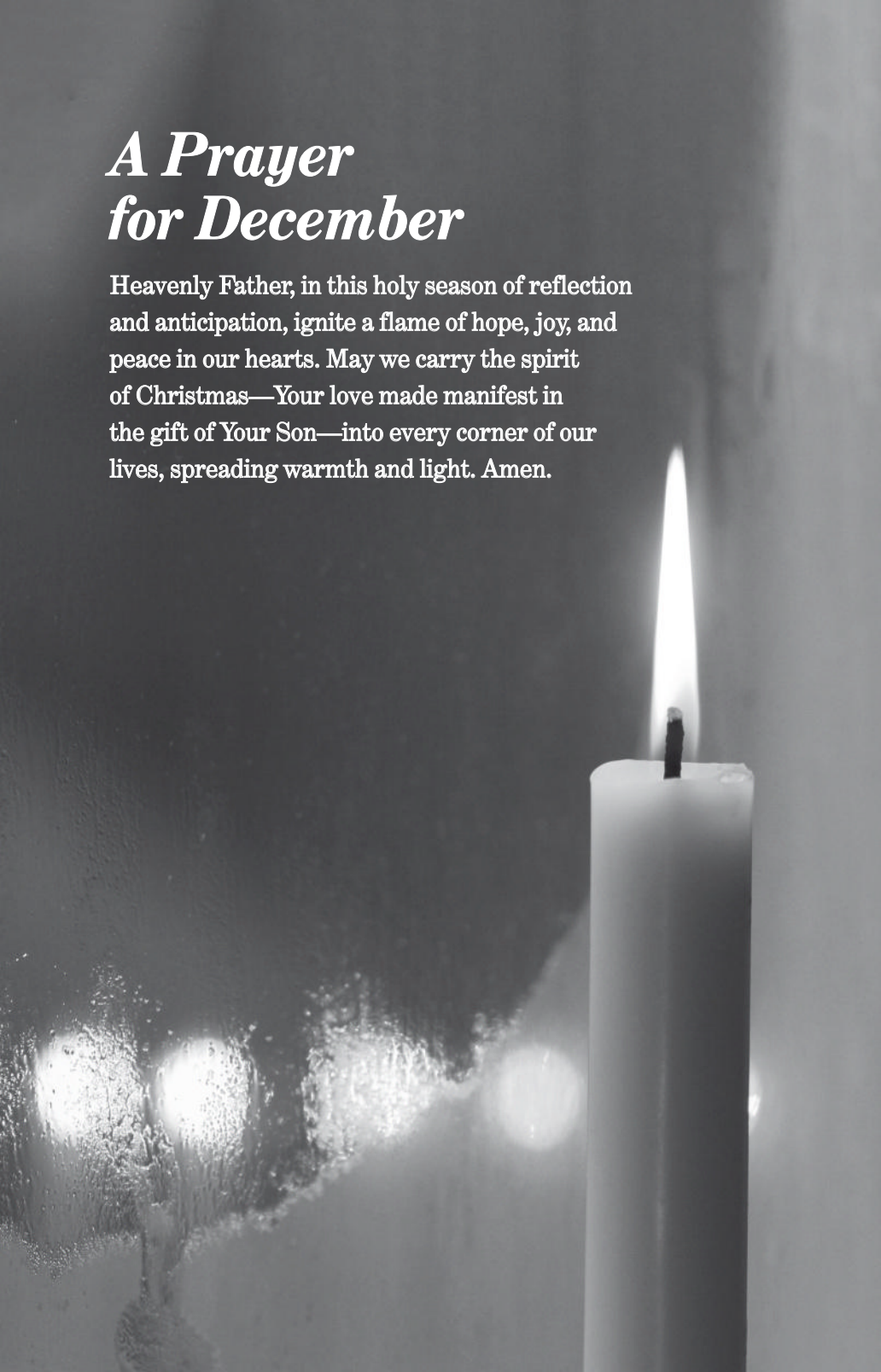

A Prayer for December

Heavenly Father, in this holy season of reflection and anticipation, ignite a flame of hope, joy, and peace in our hearts. May we carry the spirit of Christmas—Your love made manifest in the gift of Your Son—into every corner of our lives, spreading warmth and light. Amen.

DECEMBER 1

Embrace Advent

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

ISAIAH 9:2 (NIV)

ON THIS FIRST day of Advent, remember the hope that Jesus brings into your life. Pause and reflect on areas where you need His light to shine the brightest. Perhaps it is in a place of worry, grief, or uncertainty. Open your heart to His presence—invite the Light.

Loving God, may Your light shine brightly within me.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 2

Cultivate Contentment

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

PHILIPPIANS 4:11 (NIV)

THE APOSTLE PAUL reminds us that genuine peace is found in your relationship with Christ. Anchor your heart in God's love and discover a contentment that transcends life's ups and downs. Welcome this divine knowing. Trust that in every situation, God's grace is more than enough.

Heavenly Father, guide me to appreciate the abundance of blessings You've poured into my life.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 3

Exchange Your Worries

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 (NIV)

IN MOMENTS OF weakness or doubt, God's grace offers strength. Surrender to Him and give your struggles to His capable hands. Relinquish your burdens and find strength in His infinite grace.

Almighty God, I exchange my worries and weaknesses for Your strength and grace.

REFLECTIONS _____

DECEMBER 4

Find Peace in His Presence

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

ISAIAH 26:3 (NIV)

IN THE BUSTLING holiday season, it's easy to lose sight of the tranquility that God offers. Amid the holiday preparations, remember that true peace comes from a deep trust in Him. Find calm in moments of chaos by focusing on His steadfast love and promises.

Heavenly Father, help me to anchor my heart and mind in You. Amidst the hustle of the holiday season, lead me to Your perfect peace.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 5

All in God's Time

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son.

GALATIANS 4:4 (NIV)

FOR GENERATIONS UPON generations, people watched and waited for the coming of the Messiah. They prayed and believed. But it was not until "the set time had fully come" that Christ arrived on earth. God's timing is always perfect.

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your son to give us the gift of Your saving grace.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 6

Joy in Giving

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 (NIV)

THE ACT OF giving, especially during the Christmas season, reflects the generosity of God, who gave us the most precious gift of all—His Son. Today, consider ways that you can give joyfully by extending your time, talents, and treasures to others. Remember, it's not the size of the gift but the love behind it that truly matters.

Lord, inspire me to reflect Your generosity and love in every gift I offer.

REFLECTIONS _____

DECEMBER 7

Patient in the Process

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

PSALM 37:7 (NIV)

ADVENT IS A season of waiting—a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus. In our fast-paced world, patience often eludes us. Yet, in the quiet moments of waiting, we find strength and endurance.

Heavenly Father, grant me the grace to wait with patience and faith. In the stillness, remind me of Your promises and faithfulness.

REFLECTIONS _____

DECEMBER 8

Your Guardian Angel

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

PSALM 91:11 (NIV)

SAINT JEROME IS quoted as saying, "So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be." Do you believe God's messengers protect and help you? Think about the above scripture and reflect on your life. Can you name a time when you felt guided or protected in mysterious and comforting ways?

Heavenly Father, thank You and Your messengers for guarding, guiding, and showering me with Your heavenly care.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 9

Radiate God's love

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

ROMANS 5:5 (NIV)

THIS CHRISTMAS, NURTURE the spark of His love in your life and in the lives of those around you. Pray. Read the Bible. Ask God how you can be of service. Have gratitude for your life and all its wonders. You'll discover that the more you share His love, the greater it will grow.

Merciful Father, though mountains may vanish, Your undying love will never leave me.

REFLECTIONS _____

DECEMBER 10

God Is With Us

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

ISAIAH 7:14 (NIV)

DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE said, "If, beginning this Christmas, you say to yourself—God, through Jesus Christ, is with me—and repeat it daily through the long days and weeks, in happiness and discouragement, that is the greatest gift you can give the Christ Child." Today, reflect on the miracle that God is here. God is with us!

Lord, I know You are here with me.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 11

Faith Over Fear

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (NKJV)

FEAR CAN TRAP you, but faith empowers you to move forward. This Advent, choose faith over fear. Trust in God's plan and courageously step ahead even when the path seems uncertain. Each step forward in faith builds your trust in His divine guidance.

Heavenly Father, help me to replace my fears with faith in You. Grant me the courage and a sound mind to face life's challenges.

REFLECTIONS _____

DECEMBER 12

The Gift of Forgiveness

Bear with each other and forgive one another
if any of you has a grievance against someone.
Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

COLOSSIANS 3:13 (NIV)

FORGIVENESS IS A powerful gift, both to give and to receive. It frees you from the weight of resentment and opens your heart to peace and healing. This Christmas, extend the gift of forgiveness to yourself and others. Open the doors to reconciliation.

Lord, teach me to forgive as You have forgiven me. Help me to heal relationships and bring peace into my heart.

REFLECTIONS _____

DECEMBER 13

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

PSALM 4:8 (NIV)

SLEEP IS IMPORTANT for your well-being. Before you go to bed, connect with God. Pray the Lord's Prayer, followed by intercessions for others, petitions for yourself, and, lastly, prayers of praise for God's wondrous works.

Heavenly Father, fortify me with Your peace. Watch over me, and bless my house and my loved ones. Help me rest in Your promise.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 14

Focus on Jesus

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

LUKE 10:41–42 (NIV)

GIVE YOURSELF THE gift of letting go. Let go of the need to be perfect—perfect gifts, perfect gatherings, planning the perfect day. When you focus on perfection, you miss the most important part of the holiday. Instead, sit at Jesus's feet and focus on Him.

Heavenly Father, help me to keep my heart centered on You.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 15

Hope in Healing

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

PSALM 147:3 (NIV)

GOD IS YOUR healer and mender of broken feelings. If you're carrying wounds from past hurts, turn to Him for healing. His love and grace can heal your pain. Trust that God is with you every step of the way, restoring you to wholeness.

Heavenly Father, I seek Your healing touch. Comfort my pain and mend my brokenness.

REFLECTIONS

Saved by Grace

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

EPHESIANS 2:8 (NIV)

FAITH IS THE gift of God. Lose yourself—all your fears and insecurities—in His great love. Know that He is helping and loving you, ready to guide you in every problem that you face. He will bring peace and calm to your troubled mind.

Almighty God, thank You for filling my life with Your greatness and glory.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 17

Celebrate Your Glorious God

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

JEREMIAH 29:11 (NIV)

AS YOU PREPARE for Jesus's coming, consider this: Each and every day, Jesus is planning your future and preparing blessings for you. Some gifts help you grow in faith. Others are signs of His presence to reassure you that you are not alone and that because of your faith, anything is possible.

Heavenly Father, I am in awe of Your limitless wonders. I celebrate You, my glorious God.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 18

Live in Love

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1 PETER 4:8 (NIV)

MOTHER TERESA SAID, "When you know how much God is in love with you then you can only live your life radiating that love." Love is the essence of God's character. In this season of giving and receiving, focus on loving deeply and authentically. When we live in love, we reflect His heart.

Lord, help me to show deep and genuine care for those around me. Inspire me to embody Your love in all I do.

REFLECTIONS _____

DECEMBER 19

Very Good Is Enough

And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.

GENESIS 1:31 (KJV)

IN THE ABOVE verse, the Great Creator didn't describe the universe as perfect. "It was very good." If you find yourself seeking perfection this holiday season, turn to today's verse. Your best is good enough. Celebrate *very good* jobs well-done.

Dear God, help me to let go of unreal expectations and unattainable goals so that I can be fulfilled in knowing my best is very good.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 20

Reflect His Light

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

MATTHEW 5:14 (NIV)

DO YOU REFLECT the light of Christ in a world that often feels dark? Consider how you can shine brighter and bring hope, love, and joy to those around you. Your small acts of kindness and love can be a beacon of hope to guide others toward the love of Christ.

Lord, use me as a vessel of Your light. Show me how to illuminate the darkness with Your love and truth.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 21

The Heart of Faith

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

JOHN 14:6 (NIV)

AT THE HEART of Christmas is the simplest yet most profound love story: God's love for us. Today, meditate on the depth of Christ's love and the simplicity of His message of salvation. This reflection reminds us of the pure and simple truth at the heart of our faith—the unending love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your Son. Help me to grasp the depth of Your love and share it with others.

REFLECTIONS _____

DECEMBER 22

The Joy of God's Word

Your statutes are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

PSALM 119:111 (NIV)

GOD'S WORD IS not only a guide for our lives but also a source of joy. Dive into Scripture and experience God's promises and love. Today, spend time in Scripture, and allow His Word to fill you with joy and peace.

Lord, Your Word lights my path and brings joy to my heart.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 23

The Gift of a Savior!

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

LUKE 2:11 (KJV)

THIS VERSE CAPTURES the essence of Christmas: Our Savior has arrived! He loves and guides us, forgives our sins, and helps us live with purpose and faith. When you seek God, everything else you need is provided for you.

Loving Father, thank You for sending Your Son, the Lord Jesus, to be born into this imperfect world, so that we may be forever changed by His perfect life.

REFLECTIONS _____

DECEMBER 24

The Magnitude of God's Love

And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

LUKE 2:7 (NIV)

ON THIS HOLY night, as we remember Jesus's humble beginnings, reflect on the magnitude of God's love. The King of kings, born in a manger, teaches us that divine love knows no bounds. Ponder God's amazing gift to the world. Bask in His holy light and remember that among all the presents and joys, mistletoe and toys, now is the time to center your heart on the rebirth of Jesus Christ in your life.

Dear God, my thoughts are on the humble birth of Your Son, Jesus, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

REFLECTIONS _____

DECEMBER 25

Joy to the World

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.

LUKE 2:14 (NIV)

DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE rejoiced, "Light has come! Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace—Jesus Christ, the Light of Christmas, has come! The day God blessed us with His Son, the only Source of eternal life." On the advent of our Savior, the arrival of the One who came to save us, thank God for the greatest gift of all time. Extend this love and joy—and bask in His blessings.

Dear Lord, thank You for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, as I celebrate with family and friends, I will savor every moment of the peace, love, and joy of Your presence.

REFLECTIONS

The Gift of Beginnings

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22–23 (NIV)

THE DAY AFTER Christmas signals the coming of a new year—a time for reflection and new beginnings. God's mercies are new every morning. Reflect on the areas of your life where you seek a fresh start and approach them with hope and faith in God's steadfast love.

Lord, thank You for the promise of new beginnings. Guide me as I reflect on the past and look forward with hope to the future.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 27

The Work of His Hands

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

PSALM 19:1 (NIV)

EVEN IN WINTER, when the weather outside might seem harsh, spending a few moments outdoors can be invigorating and inspiring. By taking the time to breathe in the crisp air and observe the wonders of creation, we can connect with God's presence and find refreshing newness in our lives.

Dear God, thank You for the beauty of Your creation and the opportunity to experience it daily.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 28

A New Way

"Get up; pick up your pallet and walk."

JOHN 5:8 (AMP)

What is holding you back from living your best life? Is it fear or something else? This uplifting verse is a call to cast away whatever barriers are keeping you from God's blessing—to pick up your pallet and rise to a new life, a new way of being and seeing.

Heavenly Father, I rise to Your call. Nothing can stop me. I am ready to live my best life.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 29

Harboring Hope

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:13 (NIV)

HOPE IS A powerful force that propels us forward, even in the face of adversity. As the year draws to a close, hold onto the hope that is fixed in God's promises. Trust in Him to fill your heart with peace and joy, and let that hope overflow to those around you.

Heavenly Father, fill me with Your unshakable hope. Help me to trust in Your plans and spread Your joy and peace.

REFLECTIONS

DECEMBER 30

Reflecting on God's Faithfulness

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

PSALM 36:5 (NIV)

REFLECT ON THE moments in this past year when you've witnessed God's love and faithfulness. Each experience is proof of His unwavering presence in your life. Look back with gratitude and confidently move forward, trusting in His guidance and provision.

Lord, thank You for Your unfailing faithfulness. Help me to remember Your goodness as I enter the new year.

REFLECTIONS _____

DECEMBER 31

A Commitment to Christ in the New Year

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

MATTHEW 6:33 (NIV)

AS YOU STAND on the threshold of 2025, make a commitment to prioritize your relationship with Christ. Seeking His kingdom and His righteousness transforms your life by aligning your desires with His will. Allow this commitment to shape every aspect of the days ahead.

Heavenly Father, I commit to seeking You above everything else.

REFLECTIONS _____

A Prayer for January

Dear Lord, as we step into January with the promise of new beginnings, we seek Your guidance to bless our days with purpose and grace. Grant us the courage to embark on new ventures, the strength to persevere through challenges, and the wisdom to recognize Your presence in every moment. Amen.

JANUARY 1

Welcome the New Year

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

REVELATION 22:13 (NIV)

THE JAPANESE HAVE a word that means welcoming the first sunrise of the new year: *hatsuhinode*. This morning, reflect on the passage of time and the blessings that will unfold in the days to come. Lose yourself in the majesty of the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the grace of God shining right now.

Heavenly Father, You are the beginning and the end, the Light of my life. I trust You with my days and I praise You for Your glory.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 2

New Beginning With God

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

ISAIAH 43:19 (ESV)

THE NEW YEAR symbolizes a fresh start, a clean slate. God is continually at work in our lives, creating new paths and opportunities. This January, open your heart to the new things God is doing. Ask Him to give you eyes that see His handiwork all around you.

Heavenly Father, as this new year begins, help me to recognize and embrace the new work You are doing in my life.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 3

God Is Faithful

It is better to trust in the Lord than
to put confidence in man.

PSALM 118:8 (KJV)

IT HAPPENS IN life. People let us down, break promises, and make mistakes. The good news is that God will never fail you. He is always faithful. Your connection to Him grows through prayer. When you are thinking about the future, be sure to plan more time for your spiritual life. The more energy you put into your relationship with Him, the easier it is to discern His will and recognize His presence.

Heavenly Father, I don't know what this new year will bring—but You do. Awaken me to Your possibilities, each and every day.

REFLECTIONS _____

JANUARY 4

Restore Me

God, your God, will restore everything you lost; he'll have compassion on you; he'll come back and pick up the pieces from all the places where you were scattered.

DEUTERONOMY 30:3 (MSG)

GOD RESTORES LIVES. He takes messes, jealousy, and weakness and transforms them into a life full of grace and mercy. He shines wisdom and love on doubt and fear, and brings faith and peace. Every single day, when you open your heart to Him, He is renewing and restoring you—and when God restores you, He doesn't bring you back. He brings you forward.

Lord Jesus, You restore my soul. Thank You for helping me grow to be my best.

REFLECTIONS _____

JANUARY 5

Silent Change

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

PSALM 22:1–2 (ESV)

WHEN GOD SEEMS silent, when you feel as if your prayers aren't being answered, change is happening behind the scenes. Even if you can't feel it, you are growing. You're developing a deeper faith and a greater knowing. Believe and trust the calm, strong insight that often comes when we feel God is silent.

Dear Lord, in quiet times, when I doubt that You are near, hold me close and comfort me, reassure me there is nothing to fear.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 6

Use Good Words

The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body.

JAMES 3:6 (NIV)

THIS SCRIPTURE REMINDS us of the power of words—your words. Despite the old adage about sticks and stones, what you say has a tremendous impact. Words can encourage or discourage, so be mindful of all you say. Use your words to uplift yourself and others. Kind words are easy to give and often remembered for a lifetime.

Heavenly Father, help me make the world a better place, one word at a time.

REFLECTIONS _____

JANUARY 7

In the Right Place

I have called you by name; you are mine.

ISAIAH 43:1 (NLT)

TURN TO THIS Scripture when you feel filled with doubt, out of place, and out of your comfort zone. He is with you. He knows your name. He knows your every move. He is writing your life story with you. So when you are feeling out of place, go to this verse and know He has a place for you—right next to Him.

Dear Lord, thank You for this beautiful feeling of purpose and belonging that You bring to my life.

REFLECTIONS

A Vessel of Good Works

Above all else, guard your heart, for
everything you do flows from it.

PROVERBS 4:23 (NIV)

TRY THIS TIP to keep yourself in tune with God: Every morning, dedicate five minutes to quietness. If you can, first thing in the morning, take a spot by a window, take a deep breath, and pray. Affirm that God is filling you with strength and energy. Feel His love and power fill your spirit.

Magnificent Creator God, help me to keep my mind, body, and spirit in tune with You so that I can be a vessel for Your good works.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 9

Grace in the Wilderness

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

ISAIAH 43:19 (ESV)

EVEN IN THE most challenging times, God's grace provides a way forward. Today, if you find yourself in a wilderness, look for the pathways and rivers of grace God provides. Trust that He is with you, leading you through.

Heavenly Father, show me Your grace in the midst of my wilderness. Lead me through with Your loving hand.

REFLECTIONS _____

JANUARY 10

Take the Leap

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid,
but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (NIV)

CHANGE. THE WORD itself can trigger anxiety. Fear of change can cause people to stay in unhealthy situations and have a dismal future. If you know something needs to change in your life, have courage. Use this verse as an affirmation to help you take a leap of faith. You are not alone. Blessings lie ahead.

Dear God, help me to face the changes I should make in my life. Grant me the courage to take the leap.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 11

The Blessing of Community

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.

HEBREWS 10:24 (ESV)

GOD DESIGNED US for community—to support, encourage, and challenge each other. Today, think about how you can contribute to your community, stirring up love and good works among your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Heavenly Father, show me how I can be a blessing within my community, encouraging others in love and good deeds.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 12

Live With Gratitude

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 (ESV)

GRATITUDE CHANGES YOUR perspective by helping you see God's hand in every situation. Today, make an intentional effort to give thanks, even in difficult circumstances, trusting that God is working for your good.

Lord, help me to live with gratitude, recognizing Your goodness in every moment of my life.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 13

The Strength of Gentleness

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

MATTHEW 5:5 (ESV)

GENTLENESS IS NOT weakness but a sign of strength under control. Today, practice gentleness in your interactions. Show the strength of God's love through your meekness. Your calm and gentle spirit can be a profound witness to others.

Heavenly Father, may my gentleness be a beacon of Your grace, drawing those around me closer to Your love.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 14

Believe in Miracles

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

JOHN 2:11 (NIV)

ALTHOUGH THE POPULAR saying is you must see it to believe it—when it comes to miracles, there are many times you must believe it to see it. Miracles happen when you have faith and trust that anything is possible. Open your heart to receive the incredible love of God. His limitless power is available to you.

Heavenly Father, I know in my heart that life's "coincidences" are really Your miracles. I believe! I believe!

REFLECTIONS _____

JANUARY 15

The Shadow of the Almighty

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

PSALM 91:1 (AKJV)

IN THESE MONTHS of long nights, remember this: God's light is infinitely brighter than the light on earth and His shadow casts brilliance upon us. When we make God a conscious part of our daily life, we enter the secret place of the Almighty—and experience the amazing power of prayer!

Almighty God, renew me with Your heavenly light.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 16

Right on Time

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

PSALM 90:4 (NIV)

GOD CONTROLS LIFE'S pace. The secret to managing your time is to abide in God and make your focus spending time with Him. As Moses said, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." When you put God first, you will always be on time.

Dear Lord, I see You first in all that I do.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 17

Be Patient With Yourself

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.

1 PETER 2:2 (ESV)

SOMETIMES, SPIRITUAL GROWTH happens overnight. Most times, it is a gradual process that takes patience and dedication. Don't be discouraged if your faith walk hasn't progressed as far as you hoped. God isn't in a hurry.

Heavenly Father, if I feel discouraged or troubled by doubt and disbelief, help me to remember that faith is patient.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 18

The Power of Divine Order

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

PHILIPPIANS 4:11 (NIV)

ARE YOU LOOKING for more order in your life? The beautiful thing about a strong faith is that it helps you tap into divine order. Once you have divine order in your heart, you tend to cultivate it in your life. Chaos, clutter, and everything else that gets in the way of your path fall away.

Heavenly Father, I invite Your divine order into my life and trust that You will help me create chaos-free tomorrows.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 19

Persevering Through Trials

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,
whenever you face trials of many kinds.

JAMES 1:2 (NIV)

GOD USES CHALLENGES to strengthen our faith, remind us of our dependence on Him, and draw us closer to His sustaining grace. Today, approach your trials with joy, knowing that they are developing perseverance in your faith walk.

Lord, help me to see the joy in life's tough times, trusting that You are refining and strengthening me through them.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 20

Center Your Heart

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

PHILIPPIANS 2:13 (NLT)

When you pray, do you plead for what you want and try to convince God that you know best? Instead, pray this verse. Let Scripture move your spirit more closely to His will rather than fighting for your way. Center your heart on pleasing God.

Lord, I need Your help in letting go of what I want. Help me to focus my effort on pleasing You instead.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 21

Seek Higher Ground

From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

PSALM 61:2 (NKJV)

THIS VERSE REMINDS us that when we feel weary and want to turn our back on God, we should turn toward Him instead. Share your honest feelings with Him. Complain about your situation. And then, find something to praise Him for. Find your way back to God and trust His promises.

Lord, I promise to always come to You. Especially when my faith is weak, I promise to seek You and Your truth.

REFLECTIONS

How Big Is Your Life?

Everything is possible for one who believes.
MARK 9:23 (NIV)

DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE said that how you live your life is directly proportional to how greatly you believe. Believe little, and you will have a little life. If your belief is weak, you will get a weak life. If your faith is fear-based, you will live a life of fear. But when you believe big, you get a big life.

Heavenly Father, God of possibilities, I believe Your plans surpass my deepest dreams.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 23

Find Rest in Him

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28 (NIV)

JESUS INVITES US to find rest in Him. Take time today to sit in His presence and recharge your spirit. This sacred pause will allow you to renew your strength and continue your journey with renewed vigor.

Lord, I come to You weary and burdened. Thank You for offering me rest and renewal in Your presence.

REFLECTIONS _____

JANUARY 24

Faithful in the Small Things

Whoever can be trusted with very little
can also be trusted with much.

LUKE 16:10 (NIV)

GOD VALUES FAITHFULNESS in all aspects of our lives. By being faithful in the small things, we demonstrate our readiness for greater responsibilities and blessings. Today, focus on being faithful in the little things, knowing that God sees and rewards every act of obedience.

Heavenly Father, help me to be faithful in every task You place before me, whether big or small.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 25

Balm for Hard Times

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble.
He cares for those who trust in him.

NAHUM 1:7 (NIV)

AT ONE TIME or another, you may go through a crisis of faith, when you find yourself questioning if God cares about you. If you feel abandoned, draw closer to Him. Know that you can depend on God no matter what your circumstances.

Heavenly Father, guide me out of trouble. Guide me back to You.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 26

Your Best Choice

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

JAMES 1:5 (NIV)

EACH DAY, WE make thousands of decisions, from everyday choices to navigating stressful situations. The best choice you can make is to start each day by choosing to lean on God's guidance. He is your true compass. He will provide the wisdom and discernment you need.

Dear Lord, help me to seek You and rely on You alone.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 27

Create the Life You Want

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 (NKJV)

REFLECT ON YOUR life and the person you want to be. Are there areas where you could do better? A change in attitude, a greater faith? Now is the time to make new choices, to think new and great thoughts. Every day is an opportunity to create the life you want.

Lord, help me to choose the right attitude and actions. Help me live a life that pleases You.

REFLECTIONS _____

Trust God's Timing

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

PSALM 27:14 (NIV)

GOD'S TIMING IS perfect, though it often differs from our own. Waiting on God can be difficult, but it teaches us patience and deepens our trust in Him. Today, practice patience and trust in God's timing, believing that He makes all things beautiful in His time.

Heavenly Father, give me the strength to wait on Your perfect timing. Help me trust in Your plan, knowing that You hold my future.

REFLECTIONS

Be a Blessing to Others

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

EPHESIANS 4:29 (NIV)

FOR EVERY NEGATIVE experience, there is a positive possibility. When you are down and feeling like things are going against you, take a moment and pray, "God, help me see the good in this situation. How can I make this right?"

Heavenly Father, train me to make a bad situation better. Guide me to see ways to raise my spirit and the spirits of those around me.

REFLECTIONS _____

What Good Is It?

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

MARK 8:36 (NIV)

THIS VERSE IS a reminder of what happens when you focus on selfish ambitions and pursue material things over your relationship with God. What good is having all the money in the world if you are spiritually bankrupt? If you find yourself putting too much importance on the things you own, turn to this verse and pray for God to right your thinking.

Lord, help me to live generously and in line with Your will.

REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 31

Rejoice on Your Journey

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16–18 (NIV)

REFLECT ON YOUR faith journey over the last two months. How has leaning into His wisdom changed your life for the better? Take a moment to reflect on the growth you've experienced, the prayers answered, and the grace witnessed throughout these days.

Heavenly Father, You are my source of strength and comfort, guiding me to a life filled with purpose and meaning.

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